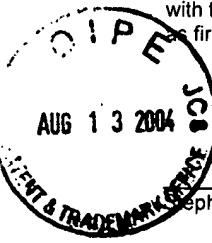


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Public Law 97-247, Section 8, and 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant(s) herewith petition(s) that the period for response to the Office Action mailed on March 11, 2004, be extended for two month(s), to and including August 11, 2004. The appropriate small entity fee for this extension accompanies this Petition. Small entity status is declared under 37 CFR § 1.27.

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